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Sir:

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/006701 dated September 7, 2004), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Additionally, Applicant submits English language Abstracts for JP 2-500846 (Abstract of corresponding EP 0 301 719 A1), JP 2001-72873, JP 2001-164002, JP 2002-241608, JP 2001-302918 and JP 2003-12944. Also, in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits a partial translation of JP 8-25220.

Additionally, in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that U.S. Patent No. 4,994,313 and EP 0 278 403 A2 correspond to JP 8-25220; EP 1 213 326 A1, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0115768 A1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0146527 A1 correspond to JP 2002-241608; U.S. Patent No. 5,021,515, EP 0 301 719 A1 and WO 89/01012 correspond to JP 2-500846; U.S. Patent No. 5,194,478 and WO 90/00578 correspond to JP 3-505843; and EP 1 213 326 A1, U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

US 2002/0115768 A1; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0146527 A1 and
EP 1 253 171 A1 correspond to JP 2003-12944.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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